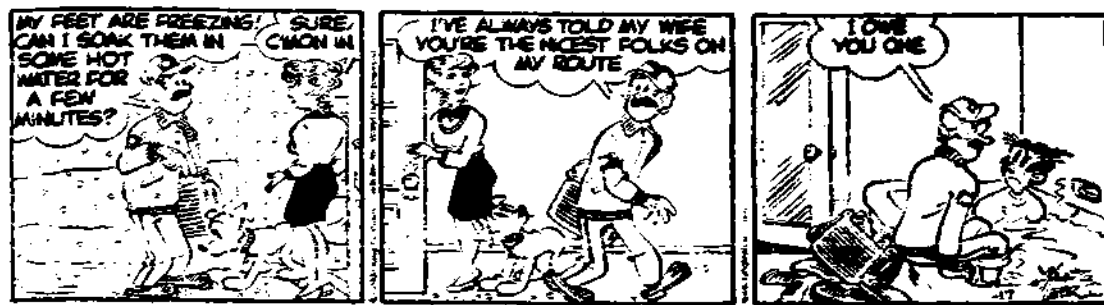
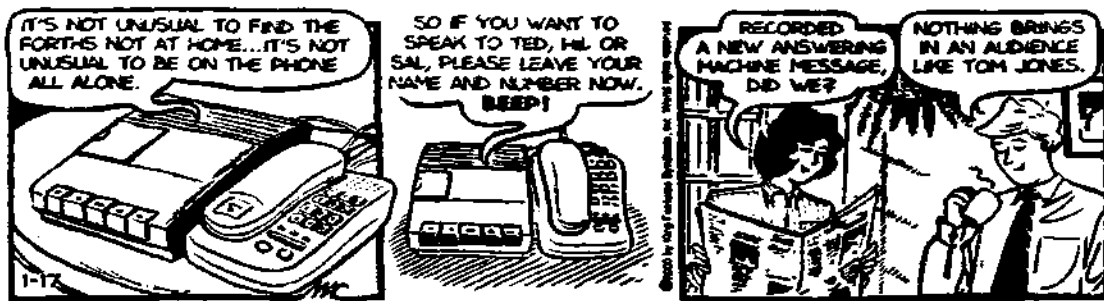


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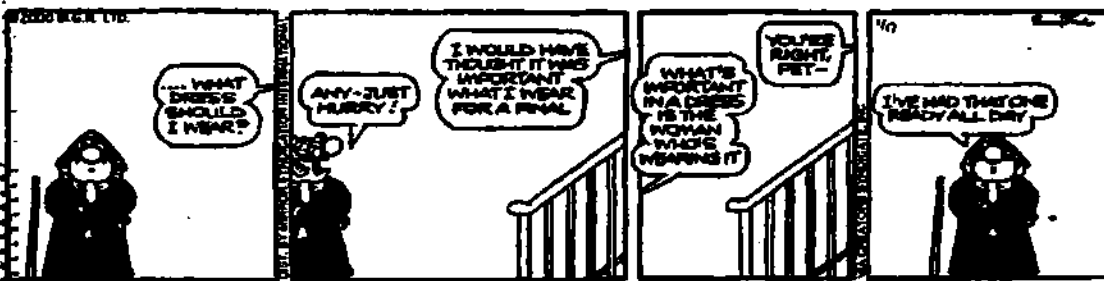
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



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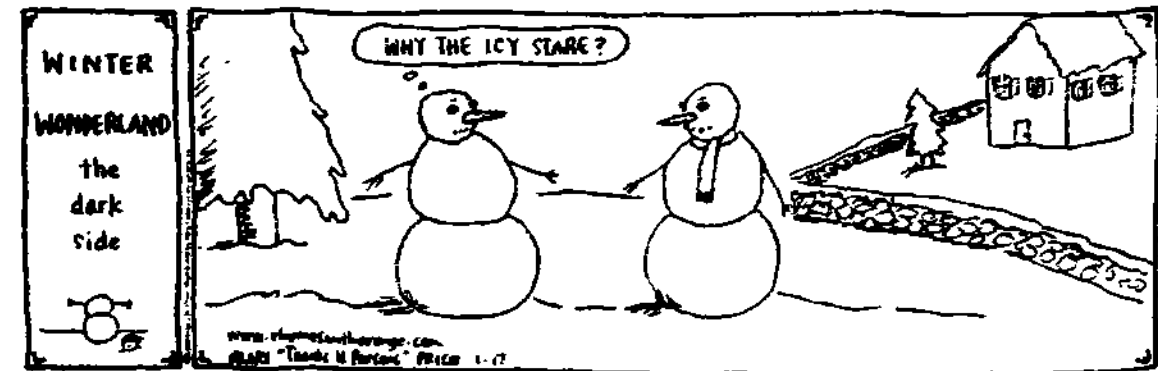
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"If you leap tall buildings in a single bound, why did you come up in this elevator?"

Today's Birthdays

Actress Betty White is 78. Ballerina-actress Moira Shearer is 74. Singer-actress Eartha Kitt is 73. Actor James Earl Jones is 69. Actress Sherry North is 67. Talk-show host Maury Povich is 61. Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Deftones) is 55. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 52.

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PAR SCORE 120-130
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Double" used on any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OGW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-17-00 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

BORN IN THE '40S

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Saturday's unlisted clue: ENDORSE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: SINGER DOLLY -

Ash	Gore	Pete	Staubach
Brooks	Marley	Quayle	Stressand
Clinton	McCartney	Spiegelberg	Winkler
Dylan	Nicklaus	Springsteen	

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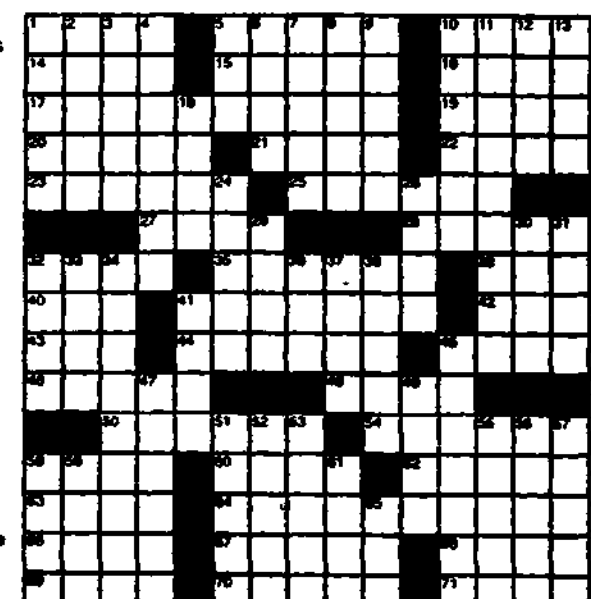
No. 1206

- ACROSS
- Family head
 - Taken (surprised)
 - 50's-60's singer
 - Whiff
 - Winner of 1968 and 1972
 - Help in a holdup
 - Drill instructor's
 - Folk stories
 - TV's Kovacs
 - A portion
 - Sugar unit
 - Item on a high school jacket
 - Pennet's Tiger, e.g.
 - Ireland, poetically
 - More than bad
 - Blacken
 - Fuddy-duddy
 - Bibliographical suffix
 - Derby, for one
 - See 17- and 64-Across, and 11- and 34-Down
 - Op. ____
 - "Wherefore thou Romeo?"
 - Circa
 - Wine and dine
 - Freshmen, usually
 - New money on the Continent
 - "My God, to Thee"
 - Like bad bruises
 - Cracker spread
 - Lapsed
 - Base runner's achievement
 - Ardent
 - Drill instructor's
 - 41-Across
 - It may be reflecting
 - Bring out
 - What's more?
 - Diarist Frank
 - Extend, as a subscription
 - Vegas sign

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STRESSAND GISMOS
CHITCHAT ITHACA
RECHARGE LOOFAR
ABO MELEE IRA
METZ DEERY NOIR
SAYIN SINO USNA
RAGON NIGERIAN
ZETTCETST
NONASTIC SAUCE
ARUG ELLA TRONS
GOYS SEERS ENDO
ATL RADIO COR
QUEASY REDALERT
UNTRAD ONEHORSE
EDSELS FYSUMTER

- DOWN
- Architect's construction
 - Like a lot
 - Rushmore
 - Judge
 - Actress Sue
 - Langdon
 - Bride pants
 - It's a given
 - Pause sign
 - Croucher's sore spots
 - Unused, as a field
 - Drill instructor's
 - School session
 - Dance lesson
 - Satyr's stare
 - Hardship
 - Jack or 10
 - Nautilus captain
 - The "U" in I.C.U.
 - Like the White Rabbit
 - Tête-à-tête
 - Aesop's also-ran
 - Drill instructor's
 - 41-Across



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

- Down Under bird
- Western writer
- Become, at last
- Joe's house
- Computer language
- Knitting tool
- Trick
- Rodeo performer
- Avoid, as capture
- What many incumbents do
- "The Old Wives' Tale" playwright
- Cow catcher
- Rock's John
- Male of 1-Across
- Stratford's stream
- Derby, e.g.
- Morning moisture

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